

Application No. 10/088,741
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A display device having a display unit, comprising a scale with graphic information and an indicator element which is aligned as a function of at least one input parameter with a position of the scale, wherein a display of the graphic information in an area around a momentary position of the indicator element is emphasized in comparison with a normal display, wherein the area is defined by a lower limit and an upper limit, and wherein both the lower and upper limits are moveable with the position of the indicator element.

2. (previously presented) The display device according to Claim 1, wherein the area is selected as a function of the input parameter.

3. (previously presented) The display device according to Claim 1, wherein the display of the graphic information within this area is selected in a pre-determined manner.

4. (previously presented) The display device according to Claim 3, wherein a change is defined by at least one of an enlargement, a different contrast, a different color and a shift.

5. (previously presented) The display device according to Claim 2, wherein a control device is provided which receives the input parameter and is connected with the display unit.

6. (previously presented) The display device according to Claim 1, wherein a video screen display is used as the display unit.

7. (previously presented) The display device according to claim 1, wherein the display unit is configured as a round instrument.

8. (cancelled)

9. (previously presented) The display device according to Claim 1, wherein the display unit includes a speedometer of a vehicle.

10. (currently amended) A display device comprising:

a scale having graphic information; and

an indicator element, the position of the indicator element relative to the scale being a function of a parameter to be displayed, wherein the graphic information in an area around the position of the indicator element is emphasized, wherein the area is defined by a lower limit and an upper limit, and wherein both the lower and upper limits are moveable with the position of the indicator element.

11. (previously presented) The display device according to Claim 10, wherein a characteristic of the area varies with a characteristic of the parameter.

12. (previously presented) The display device according to Claim 11, wherein the size of the area varies with the rate of change of the parameter.

13. (previously presented) The display device according to Claim 11, wherein the location of the area varies with the rate of change of the parameter.

14. (previously presented) The display device according to Claim 10, wherein the graphic information in the area is enlarged.

15. (previously presented) The display device according to Claim 10, wherein the graphic information in the area is emphasized by a different contrast.

16. (previously presented) The display device according to Claim 10, wherein the graphic information in the area is emphasized by a different color.

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17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) A method of displaying a parameter on a display device including a scale with graphic information, and an indicator element, the position of the indicator element relative to the scale being a function of a parameter, the method comprising:

emphasizing the graphic information in an area around the position of the indicator element, and

defining the area with a lower limit and an upper limit, wherein both the lower and upper limits are moveable with the position of the indicator element.

19. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 18, comprising:

varying a characteristic of the area with a characteristic of the parameter.

20. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 19, wherein the step of varying the characteristic of the area includes varying the size of the area with the rate of change of the parameter.

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21. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 19,
wherein the step of varying the characteristic of the area includes
varying the location of the area with the rate of change of the parameter.
22. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 18,
wherein the step of emphasizing the graphic information includes
enlarging the graphic information in the area.
23. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 18,
wherein the step of emphasizing the graphic information includes
emphasizing the graphic information by a different contrast.
24. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 18,
wherein the step of emphasizing the graphic information includes
emphasizing the graphic information by a different color.

25-27. (cancelled)